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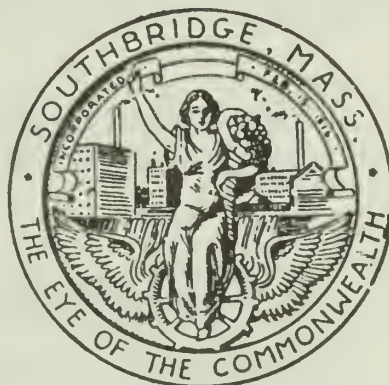
ANNUAL REPORT

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SCHOOL COMMITTEE

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SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS



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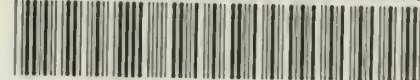
TOWN OF SOUTHBRIDGE

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1970

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THE SOUTHBRIDGE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

DiGregorio, Leonard, Dr.	97 South Street	1972
Chairman		
Quinn, Thomas P.	68 Paige Hill	1973
Vice Chairman		
Beaupre, Lorenzo	131 Central Street	1972
Roy, Charles, Dr.	134 Everett Street	1973
Brodeur, Raymond	99 Elm Street	1971
Morin, Frederick	115 Chestnut Street	1971
Peloquin, Lionel	91 Sayles Street	1972

MEETINGS OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE

The regular meetings of the School Committee are held on the first and third Tuesday of each month at 8:00 P.M. in the Board Room of the Superintendent of Schools located in the Town Hall.

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Beattie, Charles, A., Ph.D.
Residence: 584 Woodstock Road 764-2397
Office: Town Hall, 41 Elm Street 764-3285

SECRETARIES

Theodoss, Catherine A.	70 Glenwood Avenue	764-2215
Caouette, Therese	44 Pine Street	764-6837
Trudel, Suzanne	18 Henry Street	764-4543

The Superintendent's Office is open from Monday through Friday from 8:30 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.

SCHOOL PHYSICIAN

Dr. William E. Langevin 35 Dresser Street 764-7358

Jacob Edwards Library
236 Main Street
Southbridge, MA 01550

SCHOOL NURSES

Boucher, Pauline	405 Charlton Street	764-7772
Page, Virginia	145 Central Street	764-4379
Libuda, Mary	22 Brook Road	764-4626

ATTENDANCE OFFICER

Materas, Wilfred	23 Clark Street	765-5134
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SCHOOL CALENDAR

Winter term, 46 days - November 16	-	January 29
Spring term, 44 days - February 1	-	April 9
Summer term, 49 days - April 12	-	June 25
Fall term, 45 days - September 9	-	November 13

NO SCHOOL SIGNALS

During the school year 1970 - 1971, whenever weather conditions are such that school authorities decide to cancel sessions for the elementary and junior high school students for the day, there will be two sets of eight blasts of the fire siren at 6:45 A.M.

Senior high school students will be expected to attend on all regular school days excepting when the weather makes travel impossible. In this case, there will be three sets of blasts of the fire siren, instead of two.

When it is necessary to make a decision regarding closing, school will be closed for the entire day.

RADIO ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR NO SCHOOL

W E S O 6:30 A.M. 6:45 A.M. 7:00 A.M.

W T A G 6:00 A.M. 6:45 A.M. 7:05 A.M. 7:45 A.M.

ENROLLMENT OCTOBER 1, 1970

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

<u>GRADE</u>	<u>BOYS</u>	<u>GIRLS</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
1...	134	137	271
2...	119	115	234
3...	102	116	218
4...	103	115	218
5...	95	108	203
6...	105	82	187
7...	101	126	227
8...	135	112	247
Special Classes	26	14	40
TOTAL ELEMENTARY	920	925	1845

HIGH SCHOOL

9...	90	99	189
10..	68	106	174
11..	63	105	168
12..	86	84	170
TOTAL HIGH SCHOOL	307	394	701

TRADE HIGH SCHOOL	8.....	42
	9.....	59
TOTAL TRADE	10.....	45
217	11.....	38
	12.....	33

TOTAL PUBLIC SCHOOL..... 2763

Total Southbridge Public Schools.....	2763
Total St. Jeanne d'Arc Elementary School	158
Total St. Mary's Elementary School	265
Total Notre Dame Elementary	463
Total Marianhill Central Catholic High	<u>330</u>
GRAND TOTAL	3979

(All pupils attending school in Southbridge)

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

	<u>1-1-70</u> <u>Balance</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>	<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Expenditures</u>	<u>12-31-70</u> <u>Balance</u>
Administration - Salaries	\$	\$ 34,446.00	\$	\$ 34,399.71	\$ 46.29
- Other		8,975.00		8,959.33	15.67
Instruction - Salaries		1,448,644.00		1,435,308.58	13,335.42
- Other		114,789.00		114,702.54	86.46
Other School Services - Sal.		21,404.00		21,378.48	25.52
- Other		55,804.00		55,613.16	190.84
Operation & Maint. - Salaries		88,524.00		85,968.67	2,555.33
- Other		95,710.00		95,471.33	238.67
Fixed Charges		1,102.00		803.43	298.57
Acquisition of Equipment		69,948.00		69,918.11	29.89
Programs with other Districts		5,000.00		4,765.10	234.90
Athletic Fund	13,179.50	3,000.00		15,315.15	864.35
			5,808.75		5,808.75*
Federal Lunch Program		5,750.00		5,212.29	537.71
	6,109.51		116,959.30	114,528.42	8,540.39*
Dresser Street Field		13,823.00		12,638.87	1,184.13
Summer School		7,000.00		7,000.00	-----
E.O.A. & Federal Projects		7,000.00		3,213.30	3,786.70
Basic Education (Adult Eve.)		500.00		500.00	-----
N.D.E.A.		6,000.00			
PL 864 Title III Lang. & Arts	516.03			3,221.02	2,778.98
Title VA Guidance	875.75		2,127.25	2,109.88	533.40*
			769.40	1,572.00	73.12*

	<u>1-1-70 Balance</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>	<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Expenditures</u>	<u>12-31-70 Balance</u>
PL 89 - 10 Title I Reading					
Title I Migrant	3,999.01		49,210.00	36,885.30	16,323.71*
Title II Library	292.88			292.88	----
PL 88-210 Special Needs	171.39		2,329.82	2,046.75	283.07*
Business Equipment	102.57				171.39*
PL 89 - 750 Title II					102.57*
Adult Basic	1,302.82		4,330.02	4,019.30	
Head Start Program	225.93		11,282.00	10,149.12	1,613.54*
	<u>\$26,775.36</u>	<u>\$1,987,419.00</u>	<u>\$192,816.54</u>	<u>\$2,145,992.72</u>	<u>\$1,358.81*</u>
					<u>\$61,018.18</u>

REVENUES:	Tuition	\$ 49,287.12
	Rentals	440.00
	Miscellaneous	1,995.21
	State Aid Chapter 70	358,288.00
	State Aid Chapter 69-71	33,538.00
	Vocational	45,050.00
	Transportation	5,561.00
		<u>\$494,159.33</u>

Ending Balance \$61,018.18

*Funds Forwarded to 1971 34,808.75

SCHOOL PERSONNEL

The name, date of appointment, official title, and degree appear in that order.

Beattie, Charles A.	1966	Superintendent of Schools - PH.D.
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SOUTHBRIDGE HIGH SCHOOL

Desroches, Edward J.	1949	Principal - CAGS
Sturgis, Paul	1962	Asst. Principal - M.Ed.
Adams, Nora B.	1947	Secretary to Principal
Clarke, Mary C.	1962	Clerk-Typist
Boudreau, David G.	1968	Guidance Director M.Ed.
LeBoeuf, Melia	1960	Guidance Counselor Master - Guidance & Psychology
Chamberland, Jeanne A.	1969	Secretary to Guide.
Birtz, Claire J.	1937	
Boyle, Lawrence A.	1970	M.Ed.
Byron, David H.	1970	M.Ed.
Cross, Evelyn-Mae	1968	CAGS
Damon, W. Leslie	1970	B.S. -Physics & Math
Dumas, Claire M.	1969	M.A.
Feurer, Gary A.	1970	B.Music
Flannery, John	1967	B.A.
Forkey, James R.	1962	CAGS
Giroux, Roger N.	1965	B.S.
Gosk, Walter F.	1964	M.Ed.
Grebb, Jean A.	1965	B.S.Ed., M.S.Ed., M.L.S. (Librarian)
Kokoszka, Jeffrey J.	1969	B.A.
Kruczek, Thomas P.	1970	M.A.
Larson, Jeffrey C.	1967	B.S.Math
LeClair, Elizabeth L.	1968	M.Ed.
Leduc, N. Richard	1962	B.S.Ed.
Lemond, Eleanor K.	1970	B.S.Ed.
Linton, Carolyn C.	1969	B.S.
Loconto, Patrick J.	1967	M.A.
Marino, Donald	1958	B.A.
McManis, Dennis	1968	B.A.
McNerney, Margaret A.	1970	B.A.English
Miskavich, Lillian L.	1968	A.B.
Morrill, Geraldine B.	1968	B.S.

O'Connell, Ann C.	1968	A.B.
Poliks, Beverly A.	1966	B.A.
Proulx, Rose B.	1938	M.A.
Schultz, Frederick J.	1966	B.S. Ed.
Severance, Thomas F.	1970	M. Ed.
Sullivan, Celesta F.	1965	B.S.
Swiacki, Nancy A.	1968	B.A.
Tardif, Claudette	1968	B.A.
Teguis, Peter W.	1963	M.S. Ed.
Tersa, Theresa	1969	B.S.
Thomas, Albert W.	1969	A.B.
Tremblay, Eleanor M.	1969	B.A.
Turner, Janet	1970	B.S. (Home Ec.)
Varin, Roland A.	1961	M.Ed.
Vasil, Nick S.	1970	Vocational Certificate
Welch, William L.	1966	B.B.A.
Yacavace, David A.	1969	B.A.
Kroll, James W. Athletic Director	1970	M.S.

COLE TRADE HIGH SCHOOL

Skinyon, Frank P. Director	1934	B.S. Ed.
Chlapowski, Anthony J. Asst. Director	1956	M. Ed.
Hofstra, Elsie A.	1933	Secretary to Director
Beck, Dorothy	1970	Clerical
Bergeron, Paul W.	1963	M.Ed.
Bernard, Donald A.	1961	Assoc. Eng.
Campaniello, Michael	1967	
Chevalier, C. Henry	1967	A. B.
Cimoch, Joseph S.	1966	
Grioux, Robert	1966	
Glondok, Walter J.	1938	B.S. Ed.
Knight, David F.	1956	
LaFleche, Paul V.	1968	B.A.
Latino, Charles Jr.	1964	M.A.
Manchuck, Lucian J.	1956	
Metras, Arthur R.	1962	Assoc. Eng.
Paul, William B.	1942	
Pulawski, Albert C.	1968	

Waskiewicz, Edwin J. 1952
 Ziemiński, Theodore J. 1967

MARY E. WELLS JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

Lataille, Raoul O. Principal	1939	M.Ed.
O'Brien, David C. Asst. Principal	1962	M.Ed.
Slack, Virginia P.	1962	Secretary to Principal B.S.
Meredith, M. Gertrude	1967	Department Secretary
LeBlanc, Neal M.	1965	Guidance Counselor M.Ed.
Anastos, Leah	1970	B. A. Music
Antanavicius, Peter V.	1968	B.S.
Bartlett, Marguerite	1969	B.A.
Battista, Anna T.	1969	M. Ed.
Bell, Patrice	1969	B.A.
Broaoudakis, Vasie	1970	B.A.
Brousseau, Judith	1970	B.A.
Carroll, Mary	1968	B.S. Ed.
Cournoyer, Diane M.	1969	B.S. Ed.
Crompton, Thomas	1965	M. Ed.
DeAngelis, Margaret J.	1967	B.A.
Desroches, Dennis	1969	B.S.
Dunleavy, Elinor M.	1967	M. Ed.
Ferron, Donald G.	1968	B. A.
Ferron, James A.	1965	B.A.
Giovanello, Ronald	1969	B.S.
Glennon, William F.	1965	B.S. Ed.
Guillet, Michael	1970	B.A.
Hopkins, John	1964	M. Ed.
Kane, James	1969	B.S. Ed.
Kruczek, Thomas P.	1970	M.A.
LaFortune, Darlene R.	1968	B.A.
Langevin, Lorraine	1969	B.S.
Lapierre, Carol	1969	M.Ed.
L'Ecuyer, Constance M.	1940	M.A.
Lesniewski, Jane D.	1966	B.S. Ed.
Long, Genevieve R.	1960	A. B.
Mahoney, Thomas	1954	M. Ed.

Manzi, Edith	1957	B.S. Ed.
Matualitis, Joseph J.	1965	M. Ed.
Naum, Norman	1964	B.S.
Naumnik, Stanley A.	1938	B.S. Ed.
Poirier, Virginia M.	1962	B.S.
Puccelli, Charles P.	1970	B.A.
Renaud, Raymond L.	1959	M. Ed.
Russell, Jacqueline	1969	M. Ed.
Santilli, Anthony J.	1961	B.S. Ed.
Satti, Laura, R.	1970	B.A.
Shaw, John C.	1968	M. Ed.
Sideri, Linda G.	1968	B.A.
Swanberg, Celine A.	1968	B.A.
Sweet, M. Celestine	1932	A.B.
Swirbliss, Carol S.	1962	M. Ed.
Tatarian, Mary L.	1970	A.B.
Veshia, Michael	1964	M. Ed.
Windheim, Robert G.	1959	M. Ed.

MECHANIC STREET SCHOOL

Flanagan, Francis	1956	Director Audio Visual Aids
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CHARLTON STREET SCHOOL

Dintini, Camella M. Principal	1940	B.S., M.Ed.
Caricchio, Virginia	1969	B.S.
Dmytryk, Excelle	1969	B.S.
Earls, Constance M.	1965	B.S. Ed.
Fierro, Lorene S.	1954	B.S. Ed.
Giguere, Diana G.	1970	B.S. Ed.
Hamel, Anne C.	1964	B.S. Ed.
Haroian, Jack	1966	M. Ed.
Murphy, Candide, B.	1962	B. E.
Orsini, Eloise B.	1969	B. S. Ed.
Ruggeri, Edward	1967	M. A.
Vangel, Carroll H.	1961	B. S.
White, Donald F.	1967	B. S. Ed.

EASTFORD ROAD SCHOOL

C. Joseph Montigny Principal	1959	M.Ed.
Cahoon, Ethel L.	1970	B. E.
Congdon, Mary	1968	B.S. Ed.
Dupuis, Josette M.	1948	A.B.
Lane, Barbara	1968	B.S.
Lewandowski, Stanley H.	1968	B.S. Ed.
McManis, Linda	1968	B.S. Ed.
Monahan, Margaret M.	1960	A.B.
Puracchio, Mary	1951	B.S.
Santilli, Helen	1966	B.S. Ed.
Tarquino, Florida	1942	B.S. Ed.
Veshia, Marcia A.	1970	B.A.
Welch, Janice Y.	1969	B.S. Ed.

WEST STREET SCHOOL

Puracchio, Vincent J. Principal	1950	M.A.
Baker, Polly	1967	M.Ed.
Damian, Ronald	1970	M.S. Music
de la Ossa, Joan	1970	B.A.
Giovanello, Bruce	1968	B.S. Ed.
Koprowski, Martha	1954	B.A.
Lotto, Elizabeth	1970	B.A.
Montigny, Marie	1968	M. Ed.
Palmerino, Anne	1970	B.A.
Piccioli, Rebecca	1971	B.S. Ed.
Proulx, Madeleine	1954	M. Ed.
Russell, Anina	1970	B.A.
Salviuolo, Eva	1943	B.S.
Tortis, Diane	1968	B.A.
Zoto, Violet	1967	B.S.

PLEASANT STREET SCHOOL

Puracchio, Vincent J. Principal	1970	M.A.
Brousseau, Alfreda M. Guidance Counselor	1963	M. Ed.
LaFleche, Emily	1967	B.S. Ed.
Lavallee, Yvette	1971	B.A.
Schultz, Marcia	1967	B.S. Ed.
Sheriff, Dorothy	1945	
Galvin, Richard	1970	Associate & B.S.
Pettine, Alice	1971	B.A. Sp. Ed.
Sfreddo, Anita	1953	B. Music

APPOINTED

1970

Southbridge High School:

Boyle, Lawrence A.	September
Byron, David H.	September
Damon, W. Leslie	September
Feurer, Gary A.	September
Kroll, James W.	September
Lemond, Eleanor	September
McNerney, Margaret A.	September
Severance, Thomas F.	September
Turner, Janet	September
Vasil, Nick	September
Poirier, Janet B.	January

Mary E. Wells Junior High School:

Anastos, Leah	September
Bell, Patrice	September
Braoudakis, Vasie M.	September
Brousseau, Judith A.	September
Guillet, Michael F.	September
Kruczek, Thomas P.	September
Puccelli, Charles P.	September
Satti, Laura R.	September
Swirbliss, Carol	September
Tatarian, Mary	September
Veshia, Maria	September

Charlton Street School:

Dmytryk, Excellence R.	January
Giguere, Diana G.	September
Vangel, Carroll H.	September

Eastford Road School:

Cahoon, Ethel L.	September
Ferron, Mary J.	September

Pleasant Street School:

Galvin, Richard T.	January
Donovan, Jane C.	September

West Street School:

Damian, Ronald	September
de la Ossa, Joan C.	September
Palmerino, Anne N.	September
Russell, Anina E.	September
Lotto, Elizabeth B.	December

Muellner, Robert L. Psychologist	October
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Normandin, Nancy J. Cafeteria Supervisor	September
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Beck, Dorothy Secretary-Clerical	August
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Materas, Wilfred Attendance Officer	September
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AIDS

Bellerose, Alice	January
Houghton, Jeanne	January
Varin, Jacqueline	January

CUSTODIANS

Servant, Leon A.	January
Leduc, Roland	February
Servant, Roland A.	October
Bertrand, Ronald	June

RETIRED

Freeman, Edith A.	June
Dion, Alice W.	June
Callahan, Patricia P.	June
Nichols, Alice	August
Forcier, Wilfred	September

RESIGNED

1970

Southbridge High School:

Convy, Francis J.	June
DiGuilio, John E.	June
Emrich, Helen J.	June
Gay, Wallace L.	June
Hardy, Robert B.	June
Moore, Richard O., Jr.	June
Poirier, Janet (Leave of Absence)	June
Talbot, P. Eugene	

Mary E. Wells Junior High School:

Aronoff, Herbert M.	June
Donohue, Timothy P.	June
Pomeroy, Cynthia J.	June
Santosuosso, Joseph Jr.	June
Shannon, Raymond	June
Travanski, Marilyn	June
Wahlgren, Raymond E.	June
Wamback, Stephen C.	June

Eastford Road School:

Peck, Penelope B.	June
Socha, Francine A.	June
Ferron, Mary J. (Leave of Absence)	December

Pleasant Street School:

Rossi, Albert J., Jr.	June
Donovan, Jane C.	December

West Street School:

L'Ecuyer, Constance L.	June
Maynard, Anne Marie	June
Puccilli, Marcia T.	June
Brouillard, Madeleine L.	December

Deceased:

Golden, Helen R.	November 30, 1970
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Custodians:

Benoit, Eugene	February
Leduc, Roland	May

CUSTODIANS

St. Germain, Armand	1963	Head Custodian
Bertrand, Ronald	1970	Mary E. Wells Jr. H.S.
Cormier, Elzear	1962	Southbridge High S.
Demers, Roger	1961	Southbridge H.S.
Girouard, Arthur	1963	Dresser Street Field
Hamel, Eugene	1966	West Street School
Lynch, John	1962	Pleasant & Mechanic St.
Proulx, Romauald	1969	Painter
St. Martin, George	1953	Southbridge High Sch.
Servant, Albert	1968	Cole Trade High School
Servant, Leon A.	1970	Mary E. Wells Jr. H.S.
Servant, Roland A.	1970	Charlton Street School
Madelle, Leonard	1967	Eastford Road School
Tenczar, Lucas	1962	Mary E. Wells Jr. H.S.
Therrien, Joseph	1968	Southbridge High School

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

To the School Committee and the Citizens of Southbridge:

I hereby submit my fifth annual report as Superintendent of the Southbridge Public Schools. This is the seventy-ninth in a series of such reports.

PERSONNEL

During the year we again found a number of staff people leaving or retiring after serving the community and the school system with distinction. Some of the positions were filled without any difficulty due to the increase in the availability of qualified applicants. However, science, mathematics, physical education, industrial arts, music, and art were areas in which we found few if any available qualified candidates.

The universities and colleges are training more students for the teaching profession.

This situation (referring to colleges and students) will help to improve the quality of our education program as better prepared teachers fill our vacancies in the future. With the exception of the special areas listed above, we can anticipate an ever increasing number of candidates applying for each opening we have in the school system.

Mr. Wilfred M. Forcier retired this year after six years of fine service to the school system in general and to the Charlton St. School in particular. For the past two years he served as president of the Southbridge Custodial Association. He also was active in the State Association as a Director, and this past year he was chairman at the Annual State Meeting. We wish him good health and longevity in his retirement years.

Mrs. Edith Freeman retired as Cafeteria Manager after serving the school system for seventeen years. When she first assumed the responsibilities of manager, the hot lunch program was thousands of dollars in the red. However, through her dedicated approach to the problem, the program made up the deficit and has been operating in the black year after year. A few years ago, she helped expand the lunch schedule so that hot lunches could be offered to the students in two of the elementary schools. Thus, over the years she has helped the project almost

double in size, and yet, the quality of the program meets the needs of the students. She will be missed by her many friends and colleagues. We wish her every happiness in her retirement years.

Mrs. Alice Dion, a junior high English teacher, and Miss Patricia Callahan, a junior high Social Studies teacher retired after eighty-two years of dedicated service to education with almost all of that time spent teaching the youth of Southbridge. We wish these devoted teachers every success in their retirement years.

Mrs. Helen R. Golden a fourth grade teacher at the West Street school died in 1970, during her twenty-third year of outstanding service to the boys and girls in the elementary schools. Her happy personality and her understanding nature will live in our hearts for many years. We extend our sincere sympathy to her family and friends.

This year found a continued improvement in the curriculum and an expansion of services to the youth of the community. A Director of Athletics and Physical Education Coordinator was hired in order to allow the vice-principal of the high school time to help improve the total school program at the secondary level. Mr. James Kroll has assumed the responsibilities of the position with confidence. He brings with him a great deal of experience and professional knowledge that should result in upgrading both areas of concern. Although the results of his involvement will not be completely evident for some time, we can honestly say, that the overall improvement in both the Athletic Department and the Physical Education areas is greater than we anticipated.

Dr. Robert Mueller, a school psychiatrist, was hired on a part-time basis to help teachers and students with problems that we have not been able to handle in the past. He meets with the teachers, administrators, counselors, nurses, and students on a monthly schedule set up by Mr. Boudreau, Director of Guidance. Again, it is too early to evaluate the contribution he is making to the school system. Nevertheless, many individuals have been helped over this short period of time. We hope that this success will continue so that the possibility of expanding this program will receive support in the near future.

The School Committee appointed coordinators at the junior high school. These coordinators now have the responsi-

bility to work with the teachers in the major subject matter areas in grades five through eight. In the past, the responsibility has been squarely on the shoulders of the principal. But, with a student enrollment of over eight hundred and a professional staff approaching fifty, some other solution had to be found. We believe that with department chairmen at the high school, coordinators at the middle school, and principals at the elementary school that increased activity will result in a better curriculum from grades one through twelve.

NEW PROGRAMS

The high school initiated many new programs even though the enrollment has increased nearly two-hundred students beyond the five-hundred and fifty the school was built to accommodate.

1. New courses were introduced offering more choices within specific disciplines - English Composition, Dialectics, Drama, Humanities and Spanish IV.
2. Orientation evening meetings were held for parents of new students.
3. New clubs were formed - Chefs' Club and Girls' Industrial Arts.
4. Evening programs were initiated in the guidance area for parents of seniors.
5. Small groups of students meet periodically with the administration to discuss problems.

A Committee consisting of parents, teachers, and administrators has been meeting to study and develop a program that will improve the reporting of students' progress to parents. A report will be submitted to the School Committee in the near future for their consideration.

A Private-Public School Council has been formed to study the possibility of shared programs and staff. Every school in Southbridge has representation on the council. Members of the council visited Northboro to study the successful mutual program they have in operation. Representatives of the Building Committee and the Superintendent of Schools met with Bishop Flanagan and Father Thomas to discuss the future of parochial education in Southbridge. As a result of these meetings and conferences, a better understanding has developed between the private and public school sectors of our society. This council will continue to meet and explore areas of concern and develop programs that will benefit all students in Southbridge.

Inservice Courses were offered again in Audio-visual Aids and the Spaulding Reading Method for teachers and parents in Southbridge. Courses to help teachers in the testing and the programming of boys and girls with learning disabilities were offered locally through American International College and Quinsigamond Community College. A new course, "The Teacher Today", was offered this fall.

The addition of a branch of Quinsigamond Community College in our high school building has opened a new chapter in the educational field for the town of Southbridge. This fall nearly 150 students enrolled in a degree program or enrolled for enrichment purposes. As more people take advantage of this opportunity, we can anticipate the state constructing a facility in Southbridge to accommodate an ever increasing enrollment.

The Guidance Department increased its testing program in the areas of reading readiness for all first grade students and modern math for students in grades five through eight. In January all fourth grade students in Massachusetts will take achievement tests. This will be the first state-wide testing program in recent history in the Commonwealth.

A work-study program instructed by Mr. Anthony Chlapowski was initiated this past summer. The amount of work accomplished by the boys saved the town thousands of dollars.

Mrs. Camella Dintini directed both a summer and a year round Title 1 Reading program. During the summer months a booklet entitled, "Learning-Doing-Living", was developed by Mrs. Dintini and her staff. If you have not had

an opportunity to read this most informative booklet, please contact her at the Charlton Street School.

Title 11, Library Funds, and Title 111, new curriculum studies, were continued this year. Mr. V. James Puracchio developed his fourth of a five year program to expand the geography and social studies curriculum for grades one through eight.

Mr. Francis Flanagan again supervised the summer Head Start Program. This program has been most successful over the past five years, but due to a cut back in Federal funds, a Head Start Program will not operate this coming year.

The Supertintendents of the Tri-Community area developed a Title VI Project to expand our Perceptually Handicapped Program. Although the money was slow in arriving, it did help to supplement the salary of our teachers.

FACILITIES

During the past four years, the School Committee, a school Planning Committee, and a School Building Committee has been studying the present and future building needs of the town of Southbridge. Three reports have been submitted to the voters. A fourth report will be issued in the near future by the Building Committee with specific recommendations. This review will be just an outline of the Building Committee's activities over the past year.

1. The Committee studied all previous reports to familiarize themselves with the problem.
2. They visited every school in Southbridge to see at first hand the actual condition of the building, the utilization of space, and to discuss the needs as visualized by the principals.
3. Enrollment figures and projections were studied in order to analyze the minimum needs of the school system.
4. The Committee met with a representative from the school Building Assistance Commission to explore our needs in terms of State requirements.

5. They evaluated the credentials and interviewed a number of architects. During this period they also visited schools built by the architects and talked to the administrators and staff regarding the functional aspects of the building.
6. A number of plans were developed that would solve the building needs of Southbridge. Following a great deal of study they agreed to two possible solutions to present to the voters.
7. Educational specifications were developed by the Building Committee to present to the architects so that rough plans could be drawn enabling the architects to arrive at some dollar value.
8. Three articles will be presented to the voters in March. The first two articles will request funds to carry the Building Committee through final plans. If the voters approve one of the two articles, the Building Committee will return to the voters sometime in the future requesting the town to approve an exact cost figure to alleviate the school building problems of Southbridge. The third article will request funds to purchase land so that any new building will have space for construction.

The Building Committee will discuss its plans with the School Committee, the Board of Selectmen, the Finance Committee, Parent-Teachers' Organizations, Service Organizations and at open hearings for all interested voters. During the next few months, please take every opportunity to familiarize yourself with the school Building Committee plans. The need for additional classroom space is acute in all buildings and in all areas. This year one of our Basic Education Classes had to meet in the basement of the Charlton Street School. Since the room had only one exit, some other accommodation had to be found for the classes. The building next to the Charlton Street School was vacated, and Mr. George, the owner, offered the building to the school department for \$60 per month. He also agreed to sell the property for \$8,000 with the monthly rental cost being deducted from the purchase price.

We have checked with the State Department-Special Education Division and they have agreed to reimburse the

town 50% of the cost if the building is purchased by the town. Since the building is in good condition, and is convenient to the Charlton Street School, as well as being inexpensive, the School Committee has submitted an article requesting that the town purchase the building.

CONCLUSION

In conclusion let me summarize the report by stating that:

1. The schools have continued to improve, first, in terms of the curriculum and better learning opportunities for the students, and second in overall maintenance and utilization of plant.
2. A new era has started in the town with the establishment of a branch of Quinsigamond Community College in the Southbridge High School.
3. The School Building Committee has worked diligently to derive the best plan for solving our school building needs at the lowest possible cost to the town.
4. The School Committee has continued to support improved education for the community always keeping in mind the town's overall ability to pay.
5. The administrators and staff have continued to study and improve the educational climate with a total commitment to meet the needs of every child in our schools.

I would like to thank the School Committee, the Building Committee, the staff, the students, and the citizens for their support and encouragement this past year.

Respectfully submitted,
Charles A Beattie, Ph.D.
Superintendent of Schools

REPORT OF THE SOUTHBRIDGE HIGH SCHOOL

Edward J. Desroches, Principal

Increased enrollment, overcrowdedness, expansion of the curriculum and co-curricular activities, greater teacher and student involvement in the total school program were all features of the year 1970 at Southbridge High School.

CURRICULUM

In spite of serious overcrowdedness, we continued to broaden our curriculum by adding five new courses: English Composition, Debating, Drama, Humanities, and Spanish IV.

Considerable research in curriculum development was conducted in 1970. Our English Department, after months of investigation and evaluation, developed an Elective English Program that will be ready for our students in September, 1971. This will be one of the most comprehensive elective programs found in the high schools of the Commonwealth. Mr. Boyle, our English Department Head, and his staff deserve the highest commendation for their excellent contribution.

Three other courses were developed and will also be ready for our students in September, 1971: Harvard Project Physics, Health, and Personal Typewriting. Mr. Byron and Mrs. Cross, Heads of Science and Business Departments respectively and their staffs, developed these three courses and they, too, deserve our commendations for their excellent work.

An interesting development in 1970 was the tremendous growth noted in our Home Economics Department. The student demand for home economics courses more than tripled in 1970. The teacher completely responsible for this phenomenal growth was Mrs. Linton who came to us in September, 1969. The whole Home Economics Program really became "alive" and relevant under her direction. In fact, her tremendous success in stimulating interest in home economics necessitated the addition of another home economics teacher to meet the high student demand for courses in this department.

CO-CURRICULAR PROGRAM

The Co-curricular Program at Southbridge High School attempts to serve the special interests of individual students. The Program is now broad enough to meet the needs of most of our students. It includes the following clubs: Art, Biology, Chefs, Chemistry, Debate, Drama, French, Future Nurses, Future Secretaries, Future Teachers, Girls' Industrial Arts, Gym, Instructional Materials, Math, Pep, Science, Ski, Spanish, Varsity.

NEW CONSTRUCTION

Three classrooms were subdivided in order to provide three additional teaching stations. These subdivisions made it possible for us to take care of 21 more sections during each school day. Had we not subdivided in this manner, we would have been unable to provide the necessary space for our increased enrollment and expanded curriculum. In fact, when school opened in September, 1970, our plant utilization was at 100%.

SUMMER SCHOOL

The total enrollment in our 1970 Summer School was 167: 132 from Southbridge and 35 from the communities of Charlton, Dudley, Webster, Oxford, and Sturbridge.

The following objectives of our Summer Program were met with considerable success by those in attendance: helped make up credits lost during the year, raised grades, provided a preview of courses to be taken in the Fall, and strengthened foundations in specific subjects.

The continued success of our Summer School Programs in meeting the needs of our students is most encouraging. We hope to broaden our Program next year by offering more enrichment courses.

GRADUATION

Graduation exercises were held at Dresser Street Field on June 14, 1970. The Class of 1970 included one hundred sixty-three members: thirty-nine from the Trade Division and one hundred twenty-four from the Academic Division. Dr. Leonard DiGregorio, Chairman of the Southbridge School Committee, presented the diplomas. Following are the names of our 1970 graduates:

Brent Stanley Abrahamson	** Pia Decataldi
Sandra Ann Allard	** Suzanne Marie Delage
Bruce Milton Anderson	* Susan Mary D'Henin
Kenneth Paul Anderson	Jane Mary DiFederico
Nancy Jean Arns	Kenneth William Dion
Joseph Keith Arsenault	** John Stirling Dobson
Ronald Anthony Bachand	Bruce Duhamel
Nancy Louise Bastien	** Kathleen Ann Dunleavy
Philip Arthur Bastien	Jacqueline Yvette Dupuis
Alan Arthur Beaudry	Ronald Joseph Emery
David Victor Beaudry	** Caroline Marie Favre
** Patricia Beck	Valerie Rae Favreau
William Edward Beck	Deborah Jeanne Ford
Ada Marie Bell	Richard Gene Fournier
** David Marcel Benjamin	Frank Steven Franconeri
Alexis Benoit	** William Robert Freeland
Frances Bertha Benoit	Clyde Robert Gagnon
Jeanne Marie Bernard	Russell Henry Gagnon
Beverly Ann Berthiaume	John Marcus Galipeau
Noela Rita Besse	** Daniel Joseph Gallery
Roger Joseph Boisvert	Dennis Joseph Gallipeau
** Denise Bousquet	Deborah Ann Gibeault
Elaine Christene Bouvier	William Armand Gibeault
Robert Louis Broughton	Leon Douglas Gillam
** Denise Alice Brousseau	Gerald Alfred Giroux
Richard Henry Brousseau	Gale Marie Goudreau
Edward Lee Brunell	Dennis William Gravel
Laurent Lionel Brunell	Gary Arthur Graves
Kevin Thomas Buckley	* John Floyd Harwood
** Kim Theodore Carpentier	Raymond Michael Hughes
Cheryl Ann Cieri	** Carol Ann Iozzo
Gail Louise Ciprari	Catherine Mary Iozzo
Susan Denise Comtois	Patricia Ann Jezerski
David Normand Corriveau	Merilynne Kay Johnson
Marc Andre Cournoyer	** Thomas Scott Johnston
Glenn Lucian Davis	Allen Richard Joy

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| James David Jones | Michael Christopher Power |
| * Joanne Marie Julian | * Louise Marie Proulx |
| ** Charles Paul Kiritsy | Robert Gerald Proulx |
| * Anne Marie Kowalewski | Marian Gert Rakowski |
| ** Patricia Anne Kulis | Russell Bernard Ricci |
| James Edward Kurposka | Marc William Richard |
| Rosa Elizabeth Kvasznyik | David Armand Richards |
| ** Nancy Diane Lane | Linda Routhier |
| Denise Ann Langevin | ** Richard Michael Roy |
| Mona Claire LaPierre | Andre Edgar St.Laurent |
| James William Latour | ** Paul Joseph St.Onge |
| Lauria Louise Lavallee | ** Linda Marie Santelli |
| Leon Ernest Lavallee | Carol Ann Savary |
| * Paul Armand Lavallee | Robert Jay Sellers |
| Carol Nancy LeBoeuf | Janet Cordia Sexton |
| Kathleen Beatrice Leduc | ** Sandra Rae Shanbaum |
| Paul Richard Leduc | Sharon Sylvia Sharp |
| Robert Marc Leduc | ** Albert Frederick Sheldon, Jr. |
| * Michael Steven Lee | Cynthia Antoinette Shippee |
| Marc Dennis Lemoine | Linda Jane Smick |
| Dennis Paul Lippe | ** Robert Allen Spielvogel |
| Paul Norbert Livernois | Eustachio Staffieri |
| David Michael Lorange | Janice Sterczala |
| Victoria McKinstry | Deborah Ann Sullivan |
| * Teresa Majchrzak | ** Michael Anthony Szumilas |
| Ronald Romeo Mandeville | Gary Joseph Tamborini |
| Thomas Christopher Manning | Deborah Ann Tanacea |
| John Marcucci | Elaine Marie Tarquinio |
| Michael George Martin | ** Mary Ann Tenczar |
| ** Elizabeth Frances Mason | Linda Lorraine Thanas |
| Robert Louis Mongeon | Spiro Michael Thomo |
| John Michael Moore | Beverly Ann Thompson |
| Pamela Ann Moynagh | Stephen Paul Tiberii |
| Laura June Newall | Gail Ida Trahan |
| ** Jane Niejadlik | Nancy Carol Tremblay |
| ** Charles Daniel Orzech | Leonard Alfred Anthony |
| | Trifone |
| ** Donna Marie Osowski | ** William John Trifone |
| Arlene Susan Ostrokolowicz | Michael Chester Utakis |
| Anon Panochit | * James Michael Vasil |
| ** Cathleen Marie Paquette | Susan Waldron |
| * Donald Paul Peloquin, Jr. | Terrie Ann Wayne |
| Raymond Winslow Petrelli | Laurence Edward Wescott |
| Paul Walter Pettinelli | ** Linda Anne Wielblad |
| ** Gail Ann Pingeton | George Stavri Yanka |
| James Walter Pirani | Janice Joan Zachara |
| ** Michael William Pontbriand | |
| * General Average of B or above for four years | |
| ** Members of National Honor Society | |

SCHOLARSHIPS

Local Scholarships, amounting to six thousand seven hundred dollars, were presented to members of the graduating class and announced at the graduation exercises. We congratulate the recipients and acknowledge with deep appreciation the local organizations who made the awards.

<u>Organization</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Recipient</u>
A & M Tool & Die	\$ 250	Patricia Kulis
	250	Arlene Ostrokolowicz
Big Bunny Market	200	Patricia Beck
	200	Beverly Thompson
Charlton St. PTA	250	Linda Santelli
Fraternal Order of Eagles	200	Carol Iozzo
	200	John Moore
Fraternal Order of Police	200	Donna Osowski
Future Teachers of America-SHS	150	Linda Santelli
Future Secretaries - SHS	200	Deborah Gibeault
Francis E. Kirby	200	Elizabeth Mason
Dr. Lewis A. Kyrios	400	Michael Pontbriand
Like Nu Cleaners - Nursing	100	Beverly Berthiaume
Polish-American Women's Club	250	Patricia Kulis
	250	Elizabeth Mason
	250	Donna Osowski

Arthur Proulx, Jr. -Art	200	Nancy Bastien
Dr. James M. Robertson Memorial	600	Pia Decataldi
Bernard Shanbaum Memorial	450	Carol Iozzo
Southbridge Education Association	300	Anne Kowalewski
	300	Thomas Manning
	400	Gail Pingeton
Southbridge Woman's Club	600	Michael Lee
Tri-Area Basketball	300	Michael Lee

CLASS SURVEY

A survey of the Class of 1970, conducted by our Guidance Department, revealed that 72.6% of our graduates went on to post-secondary education. Following is a summary of the post-secondary activities of the class:

At Degree Colleges

Alliance	-----	1
Annhurst		2
Assumption		2
Bentley		1
Boston College		2
Boston University		2
Framingham State		2
Franklin Pierce		1
Lehigh		1
Lesley		1
Massachusetts College of Art		1
North Adams State		2
Northeastern		1
Providence		1
Rhode Island School of Design		1
Rochester Institute of Technology		1
Salem State		1
Syracuse		1
Trinity		1
Tufts		1
University of Massachusetts		8
University of New Hampshire		1
University of Pennsylvania		1
University of Rhode Island		1
Wheaton		1
Worcester Polytechnic Institute		3
Worcester State		6

At Nursing Schools

Framingham Union Hospital	1
Leominster Hospital	1
Massachusetts General Hospital	1
St. Vincent Hospital-Worcester	1
St. Vincent Hospital-Florida	1
Worcester City Hospital	1

At Junior Colleges

Bay State -----	1
Becker	1
Berkshire Community	1
Greenfield Community	1
Lasell	1
Leicester	2
New England Aeronautical Inst.	1
Northampton	2
Quinsigamond Community	13
Stockbridge School of Agriculture	2
Worcester	2

At Business Schools

Andover Institute	1
Newbury School	1
New England School of Accounting	1

Special Post-Secondary Schools

Arnold Hall Academy	1
Computer Environments Institute	1
Electronic Computer Programming Institute	1
Leo's Beauty Institute	1
New England School of Art	1
Stage I Drama Workshop	1
Swedish Massage Institute	1

ENROLLMENT

The total enrollment in the Academic Division as of October 1, 1970 was 710.

DEPARTMENT OF GUIDANCE AND PLACEMENT
SOUTHBRIDGE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

David G. Bourdreau, Director

In 1970 Guidance services continued to become an integral part of the total educational program at all grade levels. The main function of the department is to assist each individual student to achieve his maximum personal and educational development.

For many varied reasons growing up and going to school is not the same experience for all children today. Understanding this, the Department of Guidance strives to help the student to know himself, to make suitable decisions regarding his educational and vocational plans, to overcome personality defects, and to develop strengths that will enable him to live with himself and others in positive, constructive ways. To this end the basic services of the department remain as stated in previous reports. However, the following new programs were added this year in order to provide some of the services so necessary to help young people today.

1. Southbridge Schools have engaged the services of a Child Psychiatrist for one evening per week.
2. The testing program was expanded in two areas. Reading Readiness Tests were administered to all first graders, and Modern Math testing of pupils in grades 5 through 8. Both of these programs lead to the tailoring of programs to meet student needs.
3. The department cooperated in the International Achievement Study in conjunction with Columbia University. Ten-year olds, fourteen-year olds and twelfth graders were tested in Science and Reading.
4. Counselors worked closely with the Mass. Dept. of Mental Health, through monthly conferences with the staff at the local clinic.
5. An evening program was started at the High School to enable parents of Seniors to meet with Counselors, to discuss College plans and financial aid programs.
6. Counselors on all levels became more involved with curriculum, in order to be more helpful to the children they counsel.

With the expansion of new programs and the increase in enrollment, the major need of the department is additional counselors. An increase in the counseling staff would insure that more youngsters could benefit from the pupil services that we provide.

DEPARTMENT OF GUIDANCE AND PLACEMENT
1970 Graduates
ACADEMIC DIVISION

Total Number of Students ----- 125

POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION

Academic Division ----- 91 of 125=App.73%

COMPOSITE PROFILE OF 1970 GRADUATES
ACADEMIC

Colleges & Universities (4-yr. Degree Granting) -----	47
Junior Colleges -----	28
Nursing Schools (R.N.) -----	6
Business Schools -----	3
Private, Preparatory & Post-Graduate Secondary Schools-----	0
Special Post-Secondary Schools(Non-Degree Granting --	<u>7</u>
Total Continuing in Post-Secondary Education -----	91
Employment -----	16
Undecided or Waiting -----	15
Service -----	<u>- 3</u>
Total -----	125

TRADE DIVISION

Total Number of Students-Trade Division ----- 38

POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION

Trade Division ----- 5 of 38 =App 13%

COMPOSITE PROFILE OF 1970 GRADUATES

TRADE

Junior Colleges	4
Special Post-Secondary Schools Non-Degree Granting	<u>1</u>
Total Continuing in Post-Secondary Education	5
Employment	30
Service	<u>3</u>
Total	38

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The above information is the status of the Post-Secondary activities of the 1970 Graduates.

* Some of the graduates who have entered the Labor market are continuing their education by attending Evening College Classes.

SOUTHBRIDGE HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT ANNUAL REPORT

The athletic program at Southbridge High School provides a significant contribution to the total educational process. The variety of varsity sports offered is responsible for almost one-half of the school population participating in the program. Continued expansion in a few selected areas should increase the number of students participating without weakening existing programs. Positive attitudes and values are derived from participating in sports. Some of these include: respect for authority and for one another, co-operation within a group working toward a common goal, development of leadership qualities, acceptance of failure as well as success, and developing confidence in oneself and in other people.

Those of us who are directly involved with this program can derive tremendous satisfaction as we see these young men and women acquiring these qualities through the many joys and frustrations of competitive sports.

VARSITY SPORTS (Current)

1. Cross-Country
2. Football
3. Basketball
4. Basketball (Girls)
5. Baseball
6. Track
7. Softball (Girls)
8. Golf

S.H.S. competes in the BORDER CONFERENCE which includes: Tantasqua H.S., Bartlett H.S., Auburn H.S., and David Prouty H.S. Conference championships in 1970 were won in golf and football. The football team was also crowned Central Massachusetts Class A Champions; the first time in the history of S.H.S.

RECOMENDATIONS(New Sports)

1. SOCCER-would provide a activity in the fall for those not interested in football or X-Country.
2. SWIMMING-with the new YMCA pool this would allow for those not interested in basketball, which is our only winter sport at this time.

Respectfully submitted,
Jim Kroll
Director of Athletics

COLE TRADE HIGH SCHOOL REPORT

Frank P. Skinyon, Director

The Christmas decorations and lights which were erected and wired by the Electrical Department of the Cole Trade School were gayly lighting the down town section of Southbridge as we turned into the New Year of 1970.

We approached the New Year enthusiastically and confidently as we swung into our first big job of taking the decorations down, packing and storing them carefully so they would be ready for use again a year hence.

The Electrical Department engaged itself immediately by installing all new receptacles for school machines, new circuit breakers and reinforced 90% of the wiring in the Junior High School. They also renewed the fire alarm and bell system in the entire building.

In the Senior High School ten new air conditioners were installed, all hall fixtures were replaced to mention only a couple of jobs among the hundreds of small jobs.

In the Eastford Road School extensive wiring was done including three new outlets for each room.

New fixtures were installed at Pleasant Street School, while Eastford Road School had all clocks replaced and wired by the hardworking boys of the Electrical Department.

The Sheet Metal Fabrication Department was busy during the year putting in new ducts, blower systems, welding, soldering, and metal fabrication. The department entered the Lincoln Arc Welding National Contest and again won prizes and awards for the school and the boys involved.

The Cabinet Carpentry Department was again loaded to over capacity with boys busily making cabinets, building rooms, counters, floors, stairs, renovating here, repairing there, and building new additions which take the Cabinet boys into every school building many times during the year.

The Drafting and Machine departments were busy doing their phases of work all year.

As June rolled around 39 boys were graduated from our school in five trades. All of these boys went immediately to higher education, the military service or to a well paying job.

September came and 65 new freshmen were entered in the different trades and started their training for their life work.

They are again performing the jobs that need to be done in the school buildings and the public buildings of Southbridge. They are doing the carpentry, sheet metal, machine and electrical jobs which will improve and maintain the school and public property as they learn their trades.

As this annual report covers the time from January to the last of December, I again report to you that now the 1970 lights and decorations constructed and wired by the Trade School are again gayly decorating the business section of our town.

The following Cole Trade students were granted a certificate of Proficiency and a High School Diploma.

CABINET

Dion, Kenneth William	Power, Michael Christopher
Pirani, James Walter	Richards, David Armand
Staffieri, Eustachio	

DRAFTING

Bachand, Ronald Anthony	Corriveau, David Normand
Beaudry, David Victor	Lavallee, Leon Ernest
Brousseau, Richard Henry	Ricci, Russell Bernard
Tamborini, Gary Joseph	

ELECTRIC

Brunell, Edward Lee	Gagnon, Clyde Robert
Duhamel, Bruce	Gagnon, Russell Henry
Emery, Ronald Joseph	Jones, James David
Livernois, Paul Norbert	

MACHINE

Cournoyer, Marc Andre	Lippe, Dennis Paul
Fournier, Richard Gene	Lorange, David Michael
Gallipeau, Dennis Joseph	Mandeville, Ronald Romeo
Giroux, Gerald Alfred	Marcucci, John
Graves, Gary Arthur	Proulx, Robert Gerald
Leduc, Robert Marc	Tiberii, Stephen Paul
Trifone, Leonard Alfred	

METALSMITH

Anderson, Bruce Milton	Lemoine, Marc Dennis
Boisvert, Roger Joseph	Manning, Thomas Christopher
Galipeau, John Marcus	Martin, Michael George
St. Laurent, Andre Edgar	

REPORT OF MECHANIC STREET SCHOOL

Anthony J. Chlapowski, Assistant Director

The Pre-Vocational program in Southbridge is now an accepted part of the total educational system in this area. The boys get a good background to prepare themselves for whatever trade they choose. We have boys from Charlton, Dudley, Southbridge and Webster continuing our regional concept of Vocational Education.

The following projects were completed by the boys: Made and installed radiator covers for Pre-School Program, made and installed bell cover for Charlton St. School, decorations for Mechanic St. School, constructed stairway at Mechanic St. School.

Also the following projects: Built an office for the A.V. director, also storage area, and painted A.V. director's quarters. Built a 15 x 15' storage room at the Town Hall for Dr. Beattie's office supplies, book case for West St. School, four tables for the A.V. director's quarters, blackboard for West St. School, portable blackboard for High School, coat rack for Charlton St. School, coat rack for the High School.

Also the following projects: Students worked at Y Day Camp tore down porch at the Southern Worcester County Vocational Office, repaired stands at Dresser St. Field, resurfaced scoreboard with sheet metal at Dresser St. Field, fastened screens more securely over window at Charlton St. School, made six storage cabinets for storage of athletic equipment at the High School, built an area for a special class at Pleasant St. School, made 2 book cabinets, blackboard, bulletin board, tore down stands that were in the way and repanelled a wall. Poles were put up for Xmas trees for the Chamber of Commerce.

I wish to thank the School Committee, Superintendent of Schools, Police Chief, Fire Chief and other public spirited citizens who have had an interest in the welfare of our students.

REPORT OF EVENING ADULT EDUCATION

Anthony J. Chlapowski, Director

Evening Adult Education classes are held at Southbridge High School as well as at Cole Trade High School in the following areas:

- 1 class in Machine Shop
- 1 class in Blueprint Reading
- 1 class in Metalsmith
- 1 class in Welding
- 2 classes in Home Improvement
- 1 class in Furniture Refinishing
- 1 class in Rug Braiding
- 1 class in Rug Hooking
- 6 classes in Sewing
- 1 class in Upholstering
- 2 classes in Cake Decorating
- 1 class in Knitting
- 1 class in Shorthand
- 2 classes in Art

The total enrollment-273

We will offer to the Community any courses requested, providing there is sufficient interest.

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ADULT BASIC EDUCATION ADULT CIVIC EDUCATION

David O'Brien, Director

During 1969-1970, classes were held again for those adults interested in these two programs.

Classes in both programs are held at Mary E. Wells Jr. High School from September through April.

The purpose of these classes is to assist adults who either wish to obtain an elementary education or prepare themselves to become citizens.

Specifically, Adult Basic Education prepares anyone sixteen years of age or over to complete their elementary education or to give them a review of subjects obtained in this area. The purpose of Adult Civic Education is to prepare all non-citizens for citizenship, or to help any one with language handicaps.

ANNUAL REPORT
DEPARTMENT OF AUDIOVISUAL INSTRUCTION

Francis B. Flannagan, Director

The school exists to provide an educational environment in which each child can develop to his full potential..on that we can pretty well agree.

If there is to be effective instruction and learning, the teacher and the learner must be able to use appropriate materials at the right time; availability is the key to utilization.

But the Complexities of our modern world reflect a singular and remarkable range and depth and breadth of resource materials which must be utilized to reach the levels of learning we know we must have.

The selection, evaluation, organization, distribution, application and storage of these materials, and the essential equipment for their effective utilization, presents problems of increasing significance for the Department of Audiovisual Instruction.

We have developed, however, certain guiding principles to determine the directions for planning and organization to meet and answer these problems:

First: The wide variety of instructional materials available makes it mandatory that teachers be selective; learning goals should determine both choice and functional use of instructional materials.

Second: Many materials and media, both print and non-printed, when used in combination, greatly increase the probability of achieving desired learning goals.

Third: The instructional process can be greatly strengthened, enriched and improved by using much more extensive materials which are, or can be, made truly available.

Fourth: The increasing number of instructional materials and techniques for both group and individual learning experiences offers many new possibilities for creativity and experimentation in teaching and learning.

Fifth: Teachers need to achieve greater proficiency in their abilities to evaluate, select and use various instructional materials. Increased teacher skills and performance must depend not only on stronger pre- and in-service education but also on proper logistics and personal support.

Of course, if principles are to guide practice, they must be translated into working functions. Therefore, this Department has determined that we have four functions which must be served:

1. A pool of basic and specialized instructional materials must be readily available for teacher and learner use.
2. Teacher-in-service experiences must be supplied leading to improved selection, utilization and broad application of instructional materials.
3. Supporting services for maintenance, distribution and application must be available.
4. Local production of unique materials demanded for effective and efficient instruction must be carried on.

Winston Churchill once said, "Out of intense complexities, intense simplicities emerge."

From the intense complexities of instructional needs, an intense simplicity has emerged: The Instructional Materials Center concept. This department is firmly committed to this concept. However, in order to implement these four functions proper budget support, at least at the level of the 1970 appropriation, must be maintained. There can be no doubt that audiovisual materials are being used extensively to enliven and strengthen instruction in the Southbridge public schools. Only adequate funding will insure the forward growth of this vitally important service of providing the teacher with an array of tools for doing his job well.

REPORT OF MARY E. WELLS JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

POSSIBLE SOLUTION TO "THE NEED IS YESTERDAY"

For the past two years, my annual reports have consisted mainly in stressing the overcrowdedness, the needs and the lack of facilities at Mary E. Wells Junior High School under the titles of "The Need is Yesterday" and "Again, the Need is Yesterday".

There are just so many ways of saying that a school is overcrowded, that many of the basic needs and facilities are lacking.

It is also very easy to point out these shortcomings and to criticize the present setup, but to offer remedial measures and their impact on our school system is not so easy and leaves one so vulnerable for general criticism.

My interest in my home town, my affiliation with the Southbridge School Department for 32 years, my concern for the taxpayers, and my major and prime consideration for an adequate and sensible preparedness of today's youth for tomorrow's world prompt me to "stick my neck out" and offer a solution to our present needs with some foresight to the solution of possible future school problems.

Due to the lack of space for this report, it is impossible to present a complete plan. Herein I will confine myself only to the major ideas with a much more comprehensive detailed report to the Superintendent of Schools.

First, the present Wells Junior High School would house Grades 4-5-6. This move would eliminate the Grade 4 classrooms from the elementary schools and would provide some space in the neighborhood schools for Kindergarten Classes. The present elementary schools would then cater to Grades K to 3.

The educational setup of these middle grades at the present Wells Junior High is sound and would provide ample classroom space and rooms to establish more modern educational facilities.

Second, construct a sizeable addition of 18 to 20 classrooms for Grades 7 and 8 to the present Junior High with a divisible gymnasium and a modern cafeteria. the gym-

nasium (with shower facilities) is a must for a required physical education program and could also serve as a general meeting place for Grades 4 through 8 for assemblies and various programs.

The modern cafeteria would be used to provide meals for all pupils in Grades 4 through 8 and also serve as a central distributing center for all elementary schools. The location of this building places all these schools approximately the same distance from Wells Junior High.

Consideration must also be given to the fact that this suggested plan on Marcy Street would be in close proximity to Notre Dame and even St. Mary schools not only in the probability of Parochial School phase-out, but especially in the eventuality of a school sharing plan between Public and Parochial Schools that might prevent phase-out and thereby alleviate the taxpayers' burden.

Third, the purchase of the Baker property at the corner of Edwards and Marcy Streets would add considerable land to the school property while giving more direct access to Notre Dame School for purposes mentioned previously. The Baker property buildings would provide suitable quarters for the Superintendent of Schools, for other central school agencies, and for central school storage.

Fourth, the possibilities of modernizing and supplementing the curriculum, of grouping pupils, or introducing programs and activities geared to the level of the pupils would finally become a reality for Grades 4-5-6 as well as for Grades 7-8.

Fifth, the expansion of Southbridge High School into the Cole Trade High School as soon as the Regional Vocational School is completed will alleviate the overcrowded conditions there also.

Before criticizing this plan immediately, a little deliberation and analysis of all its aspects and its complexities plus foresight could go a long way to remedy our school situation in Southbridge in a way that is best for Southbridge and not for the State Building Commission.

In conclusion, I certainly would be remiss in my duties if I did not take this opportunity to thank all the members of my teaching staff, my Assistant, my Guidance Counselor

and Secretaries for their understanding and for their cooperation in working with me under very difficult circumstances. It is my sincere hope that the future will be much brighter.

Respectfully submitted,
Raoul O. Lataille

REPORT OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

Of all our commitments there are none more important to the elementary schools than the physical, intellectual, emotional and moral growth of all our children. Our elementary school program strives constantly to meet these goals.

Our curriculum continues to change as needs arise. Improved instruction and physical facilities are in evidence in our Special Education classes. There are now four classes in session. A primary trainable group is housed at Eastford Road School, and a primary educable group and an Intermediate educable group are located at Pleasant Street School. An intermediate educable group of older boys moved into a rented facility with Charlton Street school. It is hoped that as our Special Education program continues to expand in the future that a coordinator be appointed to work on curriculum in this important area. This will become more evident in the very near future when a class for emotionally disturbed children must be started under state law.

The Title 1 program in reading and mathematics is still active throughout the town. Ten classes involving children from both public and parochial schools in grades 1-4 were held at Pleasant and Charlton Street Schools this past summer. For the first time this year elementary guidance counseling was initiated on a full time basis under Title 1, with Mrs. Alfreda Brousseau, elementary guidance counselor for the Southbridge schools as advisor and consultant. Year round classes in reading are also held at Charlton and Pleasant Street schools with Mrs. Camella Dintini as Title 1 coordinator.

Once again, the Spalding Phonics in-service course for all new teachers, teacher aides and parents was held at Eastford Road school under the direction of Mrs. Josette Dupius and Mr. C. Joseph Montigny as coordinator.

The Title 111 program in Social Studies is about to enter Phase 5, with Mr. V. James Puracchio as coordinator. Supplementary materials in geography and history will be added to all grades 1-8, thereby adding to more effective teaching techniques in these areas.

In order to encourage closer home-school cooperation, scheduled parent-teacher conferences will be continued. A committee of administrators, teachers and parents has been formed to evaluate and recommend an effective type of reporting pupil progress during the school year.

The elementary teachers are looking forward to working with Mr. Francis Flanagan as he expands our Audio Visual Aids program. The instructional media center at Mechanic Street School will be a valuable reference resource center to classroom teachers, offering more diversified materials in this important area of instruction.

The elementary principals strongly recommend the appointment of a full-time elementary school curriculum supervisor. Since our elementary schools are working in the direction of individualized instruction, it is becoming more and more apparent that coordination in curriculum planning among the schools be initiated. This is especially important in the total reading program which is continually expanding to include remedial readers, the perceptual handicapped and those youngsters enrolled in classroom groups still requiring assistance and for enrichment work.

The personnel of the Southbridge Elementary Schools would like to take this opportunity to thank the parents of the children for their interest and cooperation during the school year, and to Dr. Beattie and the Southbridge School Committee for their support and encouragement.

Camella Dintini
C. Joseph Montigny
V. James Puracchio
Elementary Principals

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL HEALTH DEPARTMENT

The purpose of the school health program is threefold: Protection, Guidance, and Education in all matters pertaining to the health of all the students. Teamwork is vital to the success of our health program, as well as any program.

The present policy in our health program is based upon the needs of the children. Our aim is to guide pupils in the development of desirable health practices. What we do for the health of our children and youth today will influence their life tomorrow. It is a fact that without health and stamina success is hard to attain.

Some of the yearly activities which took place this past year are as follows:

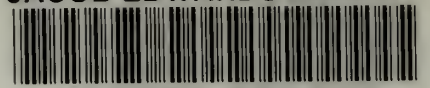
Physical examinations	1299
Tine Testing (tuberculosis)	254
German measles inoculations	763
Diphtheria and tetanus	196
Mumps inoculations	437
Dental clinic	176
Preschool clinic registration	283
Vision testing	2677
Failures	153
Hearing testing	2677
Failures	79

Census of physically handicaps completed and mailed to the Board of Education. Home tutoring was provided for students unable to attend school because of illness.

Seven students attended Camp Wonderland in Sharon, Mass. This camp is sponsored by The Salvation Army.

The school nurse attended seminars pertaining to the school health program. Some of these programs were

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attended with members of the Guidance Department.

In closing, I wish to express sincere appreciation to our interested citizens for the help and cooperation that has been extended to the nurses, and to everyone who contributed in any way to the success of our 1970 Health Program.

Respectfully submitted,
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Senior Nurse